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IN A SUBJECT

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 10, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to an April 10, 2003 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the April 10, 2003 Office Action is due July 10, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 18, 33, 37 and 38 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter thereof in a future application.

Please amend claims 17, 21 and 34 as follows:

- C 17. (Amended) A method for evaluating the ability of an agent to